

## **Special Meeting Minutes October 29, 2014**

*Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.*

*Council Members Present: Michele McCall-Wallace, Kevin Benjamin, Lana Manzanita, Stephen Kullmann (at 7:05 p.m.)*

*Council Members Absent: Sherman Schapiro*

*Staff Present: Deputy City Clerk, April Sousa, City Manager, John Berchtold*

### **Motion to Approve Agenda**

*Agenda was accepted by consensus.*

### **Public Input**

*Lana Manzanita brought up as a member of the public – the next regularly scheduled meeting will be Sherman Schapiro's last meeting that he will run, even though no action can be taken on this, would like to start the meeting early with a social beginning to the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. for all council members and those who would like to express special gratitude to Sherman Schapiro for his many years of service to the City.*

### **Fire District Benefit Assessment Issues**

#### **Report Pertaining to City Owned Parcels**

*Councilmember McCall-Wallace moved to accept the report pertaining to City owned parcels.*

*Councilmember Benjamin seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously.*

#### **Cast of Vote on Assessment**

*Council discussion: City Manager Berchtold mentioned that a report that was not in the original packet was available for the public to pick up during the meeting, and was passed out to council members. This report was simply on the allocation of votes by fund. Councilmember Kullmann brought up the fact that the City's vote (234 votes) is approximately 5% of the total votes in the district.*

*The public was given a chance to give input. PJ Lynch and Fire Chief Stonebarger gave input to the council.*

*Councilmembers' discussion:*

*Councilmember McCall-Wallace stated that she doesn't like to come to meetings with mind made up, likes to listen to the public. In community conversations, have heard many who say yes, and many who say no. Is on the fence.*

*Councilmember Manzanita mentioned that citizens are feeling "hit hard" with 2 tax measures on the ballot and this special tax. Feel that this is a safety issue, and should be funded as much as possible.*

*Councilmember Kullman is very supportive of Fire Department and realizes that costs are going to continue to go up. He wants the public to be the ones with the say, and since the City's votes represent such a high percentage, is inclined to abstain from the vote.*

*Councilmember McCall-Wallace added that this tax will add to the City's deficit which means that it could take away from other safety services that the city provides.*

*Councilmember Benjamin moved to request that the City Clerk vote 117 yes and 117 votes no. Councilmember Kullmann seconded. Ayes – Benjamin, Kullmann, Manzanita, Nay – none, Abstain – McCall Wallace. Motion Carried.*

### **Motion to Adjourn**

*Councilmember McCall-Wallace moved, Councilmember Benjamin Seconded. Adjourned 4:41 p.m.*